SHYAM LAL YADAV): Under the current Import-Export Policy, following is the position:

Oilseeds: In view of various considerations involved, the policy of Government is generally not in favour of import of oilseeds in lieu of edible oils. Import of oilseeds, if any, is to be made by State Trading Corporation of India (STC) Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation.

Pulses. Because of gap between production and consumption levels, import of pulses is allowed on O.G.L.

Coarse cereals: Import of coarse cereal" is considered on merits.

Bhavanapadu Fishing Harbour Project in Andhra Pradesh

2727. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fresh uncertainties have developed about the Bhavanapadu Fishing Harbour Project coming up on the Tekkali Coast in Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh delaying its completion due to certain reasons;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project continues to suffer due to fresh siltation problem; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to complete the project in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir. Bhavanapadu Fishing Harbour is under construction and dredging is in progress.

(b) Siltation in harbours is a natural phenomenon for all the harbours along the coast.

(c) A Dredger suitable for the job is to be mobilised by the Dredging Corporation of India and the Training Walls are to be extended as per model studies.

2728. [*Transferred to the 7th December*, 1988]

Contribution to the International Fund for Agriculture Development

2729. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to contribute to the International Fund for Agriculture Development; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. India has agreed in principle to contribute towards the Third Replenishment of the Resources of IFAID.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in fertilizer production capacity

2730 SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy with respect to increase of fertilizer production, keeping in mind the huge gap in production and consumption, based on projections for next 2-3 years;

(b) whether Government propose to permit further expansion of existing fertilizer plants; if so, what are the details of the plants which have requested for increase in existing capacity; and

(c) whether Indo-Gulf Fertilizer and Chemicals Corporation has applied for permission to double its existing capacity and if so, what is the decision taken or is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) New Fertilizer plants are being set up to increase the production of fertilizers and to reduce the dependence on imports of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers. Besides, various schemes like revamping/ modernisation of the older units with a view to improving their production performance have been taken up. Captive power plants wherever considered necessary have also either been installed or are under installation in order to avoid production loss on account of power cuts/instability. The small gap between the assessed requirements and the domestic availability of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers is bridged through imports. However, the requirements of potassic fertilizers are met entirely by imports as there are no known sources of this material in the country.

(b) and (c) M/s. Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO), M/s. National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) and M/s. Indo-Gulf Fertilizers & Chemicals Corporation Ltd. (IGFCC) have submitted their proposals for doubling the capacity of their plants at Aonla, Vijaipur and Jagdishpur respectively. The proposals are being processed and a decision will be taken in the light of a confirmation regarding the availability of adequate gas by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and all other relevant factors.

Import of fertilizers

2731. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to import fertilizers in the near future keeping in view the growing demand; and

(b) what are the consumption, production and surplus stock positions for the last three years and the projections for the same for the years 1988-89, 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir. Import of fertilizers will be made to bridge the gap between domestic availability and demand.

(b) The information is given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

Statement

(Lakh Tonnes of Nutrients)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Consumption of fertilizers	84.74	87.38	90.12	102.0 (Target)	123.00—125.00 (Target)
Production of fertilizers	57.56	70.70	71.31	86.00 (Target)	89.00 (Estimated)
Stock of fertilizers at the end of the year as on 31st March	29.62	38.24	36.80	(Not yet estimated)	